08-24-06

Express Mail No. EV475143026US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Larson et al.

Confirmation No.:

7146

Serial No.:

10/645,136

Art Unit:

3733

Filed:

August 20, 2003

Examiner:

Philogene, Pedro

For:

GUIDED RETRACTOR AND

Attorney Docket No:

8932-973-999

METHODS OF USE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated 3/31/06 be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from 6/31/06 to and including 8/31/06.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$450. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectful submitted,

Date:

August 22, 2006

Bren P. Ray

(Reg No)

JOVES DAY

222 East 41st Street

New York, New York 10017

(212) 326-3939

08/25/2006 WABDELR1 00000053 503013 10645136

01 FC:1252

450.00 DA